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October 30, 2019

The Honorable Charles E. Schumer  
United States Senate  
322 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Schumer:

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Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

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